

HB 1023 -- PRESCRIPTION WRITERS MONITORING PROGRAM

SPONSOR: Hill

This bill requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish a prescription drug monitoring program and places limits on prescriptions of controlled substances. The program requires all health care providers to report any prescription written for a controlled substance and the number of patients seen annually. The information reported to the department must have all patient identifying information removed. The bill specifies that any health care provider that violates this provision is subject to a \$500 fine.

The bill allows the department to monitor the number or amount of controlled substances prescribed and requires the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), within the Department of Health and Senior Services, shall have access to the information submitted. The BNDD may conduct an investigation if abuse is suspected and if there is a finding of abuse shall notify the Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration.

This bill requires the board to conduct an investigation when any health care provider prescribes more than an average of three controlled substances per patient per year. The board may suspend the license of a health care provider if they violate these provisions as specified in the bill.